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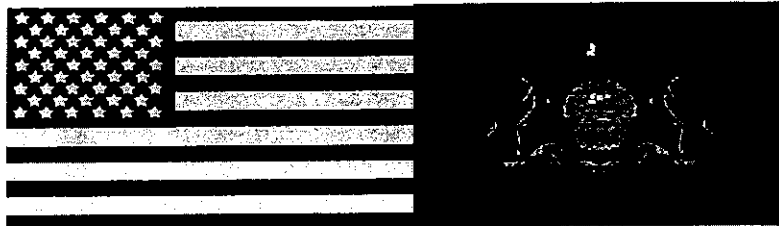
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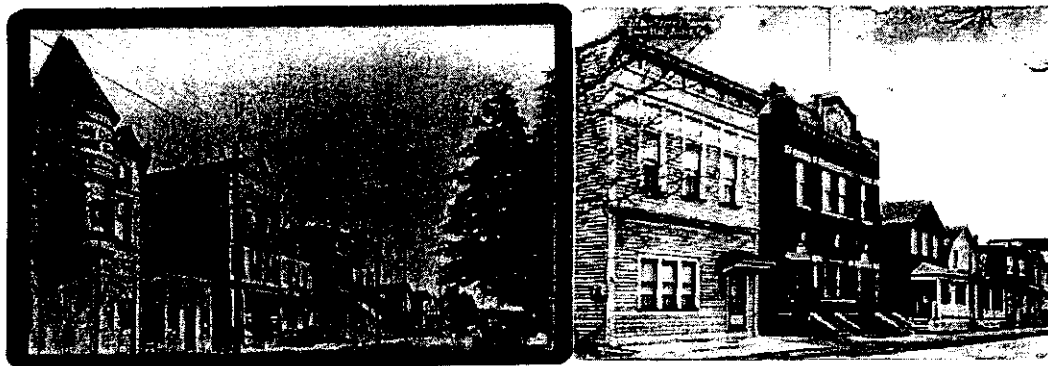
*Avoca Pennsylvania is a small, residential community that boasts one of the busier Main Streets in Northern Luzerne County. The Community is home to more than 3,000 residents, and provides quick commute times to either Scranton or Wilkes-Barre.*

*Residents find many conveniences in our small community. From our Post Office and drug store, to the deli and other fine eateries, residents can meet most of their needs without ever leaving town. If the residents do have to travel, Avoca has access to Interstate 81, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and we neighbor the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.*

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## A Look Back in Time...

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The earliest residents of the town had mail delivery from Pittston. Later a mail route from Pittston to Pleasant Valley was established. James McMillan was appointed postmaster in April 1871 and Andrew Flock carried the mail daily until July 1872. The office was named Marr for James H. Marr, the chief clerk in the first assistant postmaster-general's office. In 1873 a daily mail was brought from Old Forge. The borough currently has it's own post office on the Main street.

The following were officers in Avoca borough in 1893: Burgess—Thomas Fitzsimmons; councilmen: president—Archibald McQueen. W.J. Buglehall. Daniel Bumes. James Doran, John McKone, John Woods: secretary John Conahoy; treasurer, Patrick Doran; attorney P.A. O'Boyle; assessor, Marcellus D. Sanders; tax receiver James Gilhooley; street commissioner, Thomas Brown; high constable, Andrew B. Curley; justice of the peace Frank Little and Michael Whalen: district registers, north election district John Brennan, south election district John Clifford. Chief of Police was John Cannon

Avoca Hose Company #1 was organized 15 Sep 1886. The building stood at 77 North Main. President was James Alexander: vice president, J.H. Anderson; secretary, Walter Anderson; assistant secretary, F.T. Austin; treasurer, E. Laird; foreman. M.D. Sanders; financial secretary, J.F. McLaughlin; pipenien

J. Alexander. William Graham.

Y.M.C.A. of Avoca was still around in 1893. It's president was Thomas O'Brien; secretary, James C. Menick; treasurer. John J. Curley. Avoca Board of Trade was organized **26** Feb 1887. President. G.B. Seamans; vice president, W.J. Renniman; secretary, J.H. Anderson; assistant secretary, T. B. Brehony; financial secretary, Edward Laird; treasurer, James McMillan.

Much of this information was found in H.C. Bradsby's "History of Luzerne County 1893"

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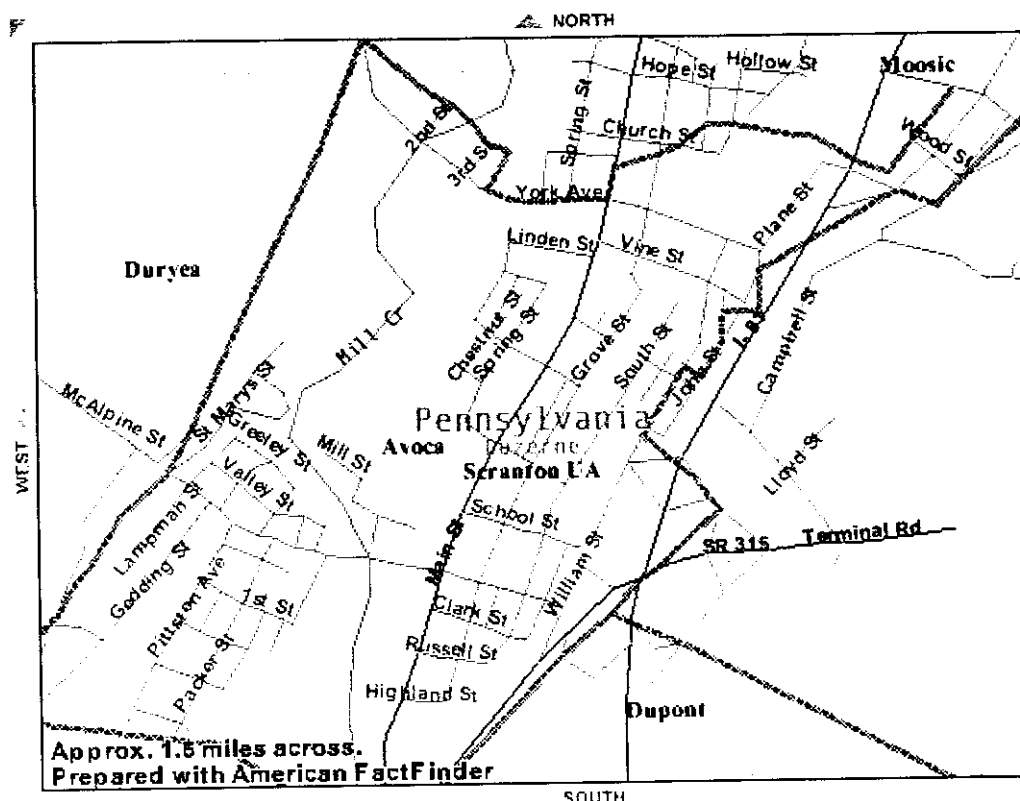
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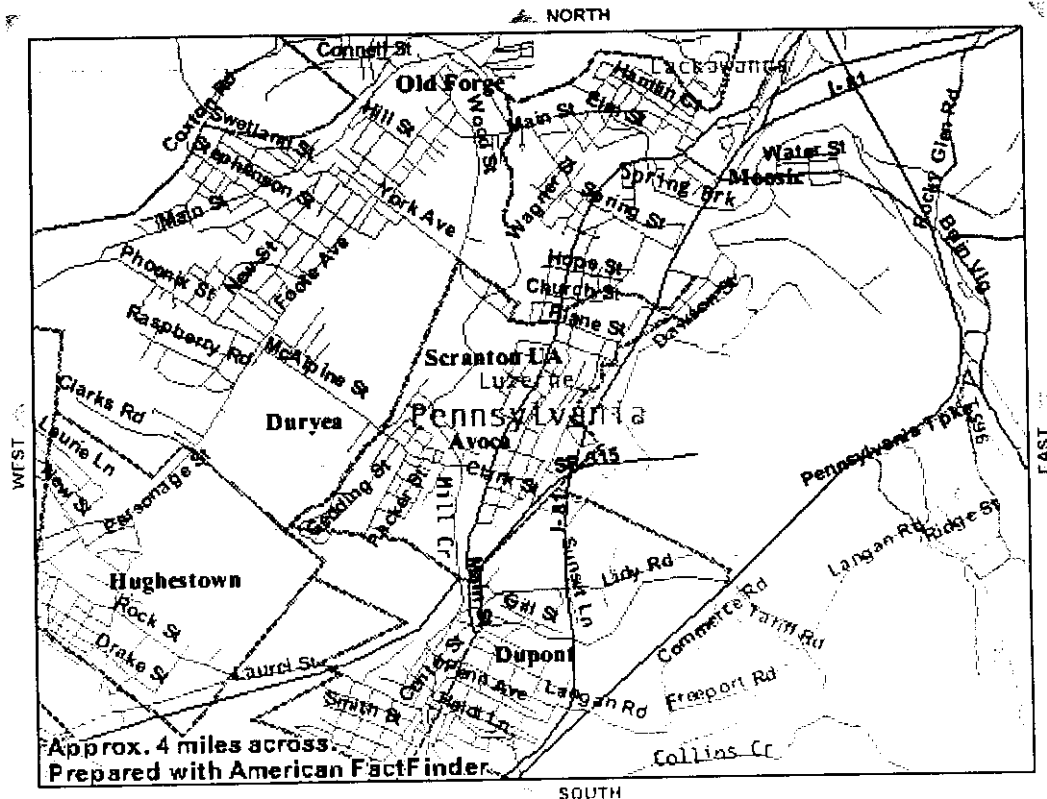
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Total population..	2,851	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population..	2,851	100.0
Male..	1,375	48.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	3	0.1
Female.....	1,476	51.8	Mexican.....		
Under 5 years.....	153	6.0	Puerto Rican.....		
5 to 9 years.....	171		Cuban.....	3	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	177	6.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	2,848	99.9
15 to 19 years.....	165	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,830	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	146	5.1	<b>White alone..</b>		
25 to 34 years.....	379	13.3	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	435	15.3	Total population.....	2,851	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	410	14.4	In households.....	1,177	41.3
55 to 59 years.....	145	5.1	Householder.....	600	21.0
60 to 64 years.....	151	5.3	Spouse.....	890	31.2
65 to 74 years.....	285		Child.....	575	20.2
75 to 84 years.....	180			132	4.6
85 years and over.....	54		<b>Nonrelatives</b> .....	27	0.9
Median age (years).....	40.6	(X)	<b>Unmarried partner</b> .....	52	1.8
<b>18 years and over</b> .....	2,246	78.8	in group quarters.....	35	1.2
Male.....	1,052	36.9	Institutionalized population.....		
Female.....	1,194	41.9	Noninstitutionalized population.....		
21 years and over.....	2,155	75.6	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
62 years and over.....	607	21.3	Total households.....	1,177	100.0
65 years and over.....	519	18.2	Family households (families).....	787	66.9
Male.....	200	7.0	With own children under 18 years.....	319	27.1
Female.....	319	11.2	Married-couple family.....	600	51.0
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	250	21.2
One race.....	2,847	99.9	Female householder, no husband present..	132	11.2
White.....	2,830	99.3	With own children under 18 years.....	49	4.2
Black or African American.....	4	0.1	<b>Nonfamily households</b> .....	390	33.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....			Householder living alone.....	361	30.7
Asian.....	4	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	177	15.0
Asian Indian.....			Households with individuals under 18 years...	339	28.8
Chinese.....			Households with individuals 65 years and over	400	34.0
Filipino.....			Average household size.....	2.42	(X)
Japanese.....			Average family size.....	3.06	(X)
Korean.....	2	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Vietnamese.....			Total housing units.....	1,267	100.0
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	2	0.1	Occupied housing units.....	1,177	92.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander...	6	0.2	Vacant housing units.....	90	7.1
Native Hawaiian.....			For seasonal, recreational, or		
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	0.2	occasional use.....		
Samoan.....	5		Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.3	(X)
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....			Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	11.9	(X)
Some other race.....	3	0.1	<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
Two or more races.....	4	0.1	Occupied housing units.....	1,177	100.0
Race alone or in combination with one			Owner-occupied housing units.....	918	78.0
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Renter-occupied housing units.....	259	22.0
White.....	2,834	99.4	Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	(X)
Black or African American.....	6	0.2	Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.62	(X)
American Indian and Alaska Native.....					
Asian.....	6	0.2			
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	0.2			
Some other race.....	3	0.1			

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<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the Other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Census 2000.

**Table DP.2 . Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Avoca borough, Pennsylvania

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text1]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school .....	667	100.0	<b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		
Nursery schwl, preschool.....	46	6.9	Total population.....	2,851	100.0
Kindergarten.....	53	7.9	Native.....	2,824	99.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8) .....	287	43.0	Born in United States .....	2,809	96.5
High school (grades 9-12) .....	133	19.9	State of residence .....	2,608	91.5
College or graduate school .....	148	22.2	Different state.....	201	7.1
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>			Born outside United States .....	15	0.5
Population 25 years and over .....	2,035	100.0	Foreign born .....	27	0.9
Less than 9th grade .....	105	5.2	Entered 1990 to March 2000 .....		
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	206	10.1	Naturalized citizen .....	22	0.8
High schml graduate (includes equivalency).....	902	44.3	Not a citizen .....	5	0.2
Some college, no degree .....	344	16.9	<b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>		
Associate degree.....	192	9.4	Total (excluding born at sea).....	27	100.0
Bachelor's degree .....	197	9.7	Europe.....	17	63.0
Graduate or professional degree .....	89	4.4	Asia .....	5	18.5
Percent high school graduate or higher .....	84.7	(X)	Africa .....		
Percent bachelor's degree or higher .....	14.1	(X)	Oceania .....		
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>			Latin America .....	5	18.5
Population 15 years and over .....	2,347	100.0	Northern America.....		
Never married .....	610	26.0	<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>		
Now married, except separated .....	1,253	53.4	Population 5 years and over .....	2,697	100.0
Separated .....	72	3.1	English only .....	2,601	96.4
Widowed .....	267	11.4	Language other than English .....	96	3.6
Female.....	220	9.4	Speak English less than "very well" .....	26	1.0
Divorced .....	145	6.2	Spanish .....	35	1.3
Female.....	80	3.4	Speak English less than "very well" .....	11	0.4
<b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>			Other Indo-European languages .....	56	2.1
Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years .....	47	100.0	Speak English less than "very well" .....	10	0.4
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren .....	15	31.9	Asian and Pacific island languages.....	5	0.2
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>			Speak English less than "very well" .....	5	0.2
Civilian population 18 years and over ..	2,236	100.0	<b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>		
Civilian veterans .....	408	18.2	Total population.....	2,851	100.0
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>			Total ancestries reported .....	3,784	132.7
Population 5 to 20 years .....	548	100.0	Arab .....	3	0.1
With a disability .....	60	10.9	Czech .....	4	0.1
Population 21 to 64 years .....	1,630	100.0	Danish .....		
With a disability .....	260	16.0	Dutch .....	34	1.2
Percent employed.....	62.7	(X)	English .....	181	5.6
No disability .....	1,370	84.0	French (except Basque) .....	3	0.1
Percent employed .....	80.2	(X)	French Canadian .....		
Population 65 years and over .....	519	100.0	German .....	271	9.5
With a disability .....	237	45.7	Greek .....	19	0.7
<b>RESIDENCE IN 1995</b>			Hungarian .....	15	0.5
Population 5 years and over .....	2,697	100.0	Irish .....	918	32.2
Same house in 1995 .....	2,117	78.5	Italian .....	532	18.7
Different house in the U.S. in 1995 .....	580	21.5	Lithuanian .....	94	3.3
Same county .....	366	13.6	Norwegian .....		
Different county .....	214	7.9	Polish .....	1,090	38.2
Same state .....	186	6.9	Portuguese .....		
Different state .....	28	1.0	Russian .....	125	4.4
Elsewhere in 1995 .....	-	-	Scotch-Irish.....	41	1.4
			Scottish .....	64	2.9
			Slovak .....	70	2.5
			Subsaharan African .....		
			Swedish .....	4	0.1
			Swiss .....	7	0.2
			Ukrainian .....	9	0.3
			United States or American .....	71	2.5
			Welsh .....	114	4.0
			West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups) .....		
			Other ancestries .....	115	4.0

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The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-3. Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Avoca borough, Pennsylvania

(Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text)

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over..	2,330	100.0	<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
in labor force .....	1,434	61.5	Households..	1,171	100.0
Civilian labor force .....	1,434	61.5	Less than \$10,000..	123	10.5
Employed .....	1,393	59.8	\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	143	12.2
Unemployed .....	41	1.8	\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	156	13.3
Percent of civilian labor force .....	2.9	(X)	\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	164	14.0
Armed Forces..			\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	208	17.8
Not in labor force..	896	36.5	\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	220	18.8
<b>Females 16 years and over</b> .....	1,225	100.0	\$75,000 to \$99,999..	93	7.9
in labor force .....	628	51.3	\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	40	3.4
Civilian labor force .....	628	51.3	\$150,000 to \$199,999..	4	0.3
Employed .....	617	50.4	\$200,000 or more .....	20	1.7
Own children under 6 years..	192	100.0	Median household income (dollars) .....	34,973	(X)
All parents in family in labor force .....	96	50.0	With earnings..	878	75.0
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>			Mean earnings (dollars)' .....	44,249	(X)
Workers 16 years and over .....	1,372	100.0	With Social Security income .....	430	36.7
Car, truck, or van - - drove alone, .....	1,154	84.1	Mean Social Security income (dollars)' .....	9,695	(X)
Car, truck, or van - - carpooled..	134	9.8	With Supplemental Security Income .....	31	2.6
Public transportation (including taxicab) .....	5	0.4	Mean Supplemental Security Income		
Walked..	33	2.4	(dollars)' .....	6,377	(X)
Other means.....	11	0.8	With public assistance income..	-	(X)
Worked at home .....	35	2.6	Mean public assistance income (dollars)' .....	-	(X)
Mean travel time to work (minutes)' .....	20.8	(X)	With retirement income .....	262	22.4
			Mean retirement income (dollars)' .....	14,404	(X)
			<b>Families</b> .....	792	100.0
			Less than \$10,000 .....	21	2.7
			\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	49	6.3
			\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	98	12.5
			\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	109	13.9
			\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	172	22.0
			\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	184	23.5
			\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	90	11.5
			\$100,000 to \$149,999..	40	5.1
			\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	4	0.5
			\$200,000 or more .....	15	1.9
			Median family income (dollars) .....	44,185	(X)
			Per capita income (dollars)' .....	17,896	(X)
			Median earnings (dollars):		
			Male full-time, year-round workers..	33,835	(X)
			Female full-time, year-round workers .....	41,774	(X)
			<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number below poverty level</b>	<b>Percent below poverty level</b>
			<b>POVERTY STATUS IN 1999</b>		
			Families .....	40	5.1
			With related children under 16 years .....	28	7.8
			With related children under 5 years..	5	3.8
			Families with female householder, no husband present..	16	13.2
			With related children under 18 years..	16	25.8
			With related children under 5 years..	5	29.4
			Individuals .....	187	6.6
			18 years and over .....	143	6.4
			65 years and over .....	53	10.2
			Related children under 18 years .....	40	6.6
			Related children 5 to 17 years..	36	8.0
			Unrelated individuals 15 years and over .....	73	16.7

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'If the denominator of a mean value or per capita value is less than 30, then that value is calculated using a rounded aggregate in the numerator. See text.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Avoca borough, Pennsylvania

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total housing units..</b> .....	<b>1,267</b>		<b>Occupied housing units .....</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>					
1-unit, detached..	907	71.6	1.00 or less..	1,171	99.5
1-unit, attached .....	86	6.8	1.01 to 1.50 .....	6	0.5
2 units .....	82	6.5	1.51 or more..		
3 or 4 units .....	83	6.8			
5 to 9 units..	30	2.4	<b>Specified owner-occupied units..</b> .....	<b>814</b>	<b>100.0</b>
10 to 19 units .....	17	1.3	<b>VALUE</b>		
20 or more units .....			- Less than \$50,000 .....	86	10.6
Mobile home .....	62	4.9	\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	555	68.2
Boat, RV, van, etc..			\$100,000 to \$499,999 .....	132	16.2
			\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	26	3.2
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>			\$1,000,000 or more .....	3	0.4
1999 to March 2000 .....			\$200,000 to \$299,999 .....		
1995 to 1998 .....	44	3.5	\$300,000 to \$499,999 .....		
1990 to 1994 .....	24	1.9	\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	4	0.5
1980 to 1989 .....	39	3.1	\$1,000,000 or more .....	8	1.0
1970 to 1979 .....	141	11.1	Median (dollars) .....	81,000	(X)
1960 to 1969 .....	61	4.8	<b>MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED</b>		
1940 to 1959 .....	182	14.4	<b>MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
1939 or earlier .....	776	61.2	With a mortgage .....	424	52.1
<b>ROOMS</b>			Less than \$300 .....		
1 room .....	21	1.7	\$300 to \$499 .....	35	4.3
2 rooms .....	5	0.4	\$500 to \$699 .....	50	6.1
3 rooms .....	28	2.2	\$700 to \$999 .....	221	27.1
4 rooms .....	144	11.4	\$1,000 to \$1,499 .....	111	13.6
5 rooms .....	254	20.0	\$1,500 to \$1,999 .....	3	0.4
6 rooms .....	331	26.1	\$2,000 or more .....	4	0.5
7 rooms .....	197	15.5	Median (dollars) .....	889	(X)
8 rooms .....	184	14.5	Not mortgaged..	390	47.9
9 or more rooms .....	103	8.1	Median (dollars) .....	286	(X)
Median (rooms) .....	6.0	(X)	<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units .....</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD</b>		
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>			<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
1999 to March 2000 .....	75	6.4	Less than 15.0 percent .....	324	39.8
1995 to 1998 .....	199	16.9	15.0 to 19.9 percent .....	91	11.2
1990 to 1994 .....	146	12.4	20.0 to 24.9 percent .....	125	15.4
1980 to 1989 .....	191	16.2	25.0 to 29.9 percent .....	79	9.7
1970 to 1979 .....	191	16.2	30.0 to 34.9 percent .....	31	3.8
1969 or earlier .....	375	31.9	35.0 percent or more .....	146	17.9
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>			Not computed .....	18	2.2
None .....	109	9.3	<b>Specified renter-occupied units .....</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1 .....	438	37.2	<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
2 .....	450	38.2	Less than \$200 .....	17	6.7
3 or more .....	180	15.3	\$200 to \$299 .....	25	9.8
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>			\$300 to \$499 .....	115	45.3
Utility gas .....	598	50.8	\$500 to \$749 .....	62	24.4
Bottled, tank, or LP gas .....	20	1.7	\$750 to \$999 .....	4	1.6
Electricity .....	146	12.4	\$1,000 to \$1,499 .....		
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc .....	359	30.5	\$1,500 or more .....		
Coal or coke .....	48	4.1	No cash rent .....	31	12.2
Wood .....	6	0.5	Median (dollars) .....	426	(X)
Solar energy .....			<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF</b>		
Other fuel .....			<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999</b>		
No fuel used .....			Less than 15.0 percent .....	79	31.1
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>			15.0 to 19.9 percent .....	28	11.0
Lacking complete plumbing facilities .....	4	0.3	20.0 to 24.9 percent .....	19	7.5
Lacking complete kitchen facilities .....	4	0.3	25.0 to 29.9 percent .....	33	13.0
No telephone service .....	121	1.0	30.0 to 34.9 percent .....	26	10.2
			35.0 percent or more .....	38	15.0
			Not computed .....	31	12.2

-Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census. Census 2000.



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## Here it is a list of Avoca Borough Government.

Ever wonder just how our little town is broken into three wards? Maybe this general guide will help.

**1st Ward** - West Avoca - Runs from the west side of the Railroad tracks to the Duryea Border along McAlpine St. and from the railroad tracks West to the Duryea Border of York Ave. and North to the Duryea Border.

**2nd Ward** - Runs from the Dupont border north to the center of Hawthorne St. (the other red light we have) It runs East to the Dupont and Pittston Township borders on Rt 315. And it runs West to the Railroad Tracks.

**3rd Ward** - Runs North from the center of Hawthorne St. to the Duryea Border, and East to the Moosic/Duryea borders.

**Mayor**

**Bob Mullen**

**President of Council**

**J a Satkowski**

**Vice-President of Council**

**Tom Goul**

### 1st Ward Council Representatives

**Frank Mariggi**

**Tom Fritz**

**Don "Babe" Gutowski**

### 2nd Ward Council Representatives

**John D. Boone**

**Michael Fuller**

### 3rd Ward Council Representatives

**Maryann Tighe**

**Susan Lelack**

**Tax Collector**

**Helen Lampman**

**Ann Baclasky**

**Official**



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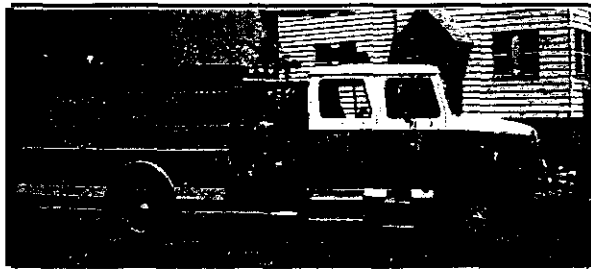
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# Avoca Police Department

**Chief of Police**  
Ed Lukowich

**752 Main St**  
**Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641**  
**(717)457-4011**



# Avoca Fire Department

## Station 71

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### Services provided by the A.F.D.

**Engine Company:** The Avoca Fire Department provides basic engine company operations to protect our citizens from the wrath of fire. The goal of the 71 engine is to provide for quick extinguishment of any fire that may occur. All members of the 71 department are trained in our Engine Company Operating Guidelines. Engine Co. Ops are a frequent topic of the department's in-house training program.

**Rescue Company:** The Avoca Rescue is a "catch-all" company. Like most rescues, the 71 Rescue is relied upon to supply many different services to area communities. Members of the 71 rescue complete extensive training in areas such as vehicle rescue, bus rescue, air craft crash/rescue, truck company operations, forcible entry, rapid intervention teams, rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue and structural collapse rescue.

Recently, the 71 Rescue has gained the notice of many area fire department's because of our extensive training in Rapid Intervention Team services. Since 1996, the Avoca Fire Department began training its members in the concepts and tactics of Rapid Intervention. Today, more than 70% of our membership has completed all available state training in RIT services, along with hundreds of hours of in-house training. Currently, the 71 Rescue provides RIT services to more than eight local departments.

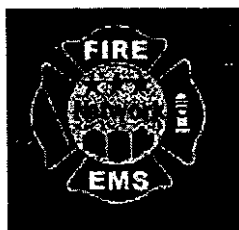
Finally, the 71 Rescue is a proud member of the Technical Rescue Team of Luzerne County. The TRT of Luzerne County provides specialized rescue services throughout Luzerne County.

**Community Services:** The A.F.D. provides many services to the community of Avoca. From pumping basements during local flooding to clearing up fallen tree during summer storms, the A.F.D. is there to provide whatever services the Borough of Avoca find it needs. The department also works closely with Santa Clause during his visits each Christmas.

**Fire Police:** The Fire Police provide supplemental support to the Avoca Police Department on many occasions. Fire Police members can usually be found providing security at local events, assisting with traffic during emergencies, and helping out the P.D. monitor the Halloween "fun" that usually occurs in town.

The fire police are an integral part of the services provided by the A.F.D. The fire department relies on the fire police to protect our emergency personnel when operating at the scene of a motor vehicle accident or other emergency, as well as in securing emergency scenes.





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## Avoca Emergency Services

### Station Listings

The Emergency Services Building is located in the central portion of Avoca Borough. The building is of shared ownership between the Ambulance Association and Fire Department. The building is undergoing interior remodeling currently. The apparatus bay has recently been completed, and work on the restrooms and sitting room will be starting soon. Additionally, the Ambulance Association is finalizing its plans for the construction of an office that will be located in the former kitchen area.

1 station is listed below.

Name	Address	Phone
Avoca Emergency Services	740 Main St. Avoca Pa.	570-457-2894

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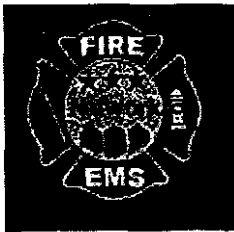
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## Avoca Emergency S



740 Main St  
Avoca, Pa 18641  
U.S.A.

Phone: 570-457-2894  
For emergencies: Dial 911  
Email: [res71cue@hotmail.com](mailto:res71cue@hotmail.com)

Submitted By: Mike Lampman <[Res71cue@hotmail.com](mailto:Res71cue@hotmail.com)>  
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Official Homepage: <http://www.avocapa.freesevers.com>

## About the Avoca Emergency

Avoca Emergency Services proudly protects 3000 people living in an operate out of one station that protects a primarily residential area. On department whose members are on a combination of paid and volunteer of six.

The Avoca Emergency Services Department is located in the 700 block Services building houses both the ambulance, fire, and rescue service

The Avoca Ambulance Association is the primary basic life support re Dupont boroughs.

The Ambulance also provides emergency responses to Interstate 81, The Ambulance provides paid crews on Monday thru Friday, from 8am schedules volunteer crews to respond during the midnight hours.

The Avoca Fire Dept provides fire and rescue services to the borough primary rescue for the Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport and services to Interstate 81 and the PA Turnpike commission.

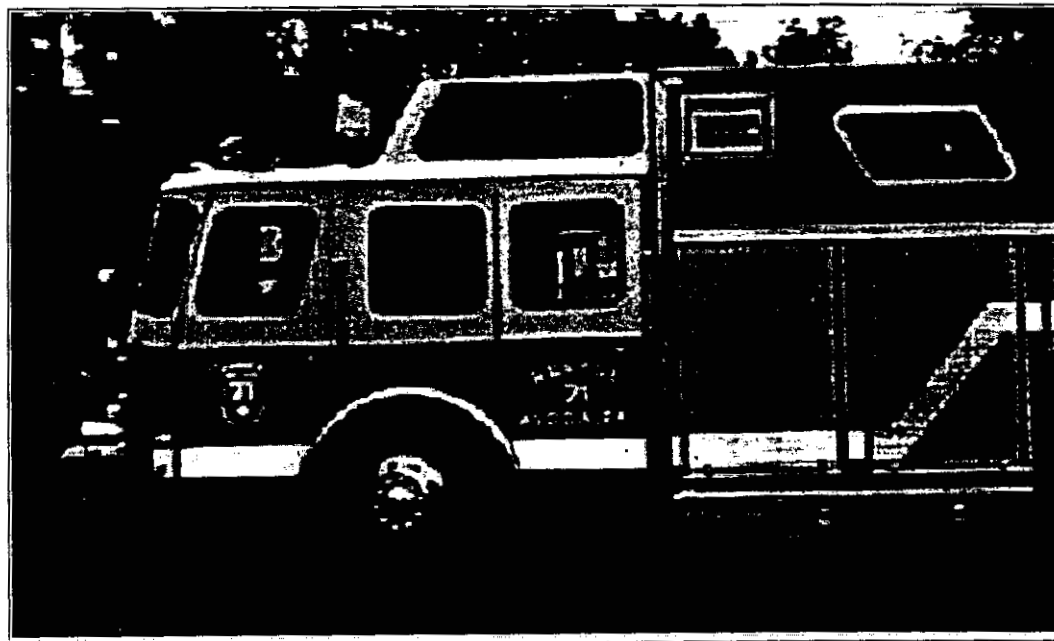
The fire dept responds to variety of incidents, ranging from structural situations. The fire dept operates on an all volunteer membership.

## Our Services:

- Fire
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- Extrication

## Our Dispatch

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## Avoca Emergency Services

### Personnel Listing

Avoca Emergency Services is led into action by Chris Van Luvender Jr., who has served the department for 35 years.

Fire Dept personnel are continuing the tradition of on-going training with an Essentials Class currently underway, and several other classes being scheduled. In the near future, the dept. members will be taking a 24hr Hazardous Materials class in Plains, a basic rope rescue class in Plains, a Bus Rescue and Engine Co. classes at the Luzerne County Fire School.

64 personnel are listed below.

Luvender	Fire Chief	Chiefafd71@aol.com
Thomas Matthews	Assistant Fire Chief	not given
Kevin O'Brien	Fire Marshal	not given
James Butler Sr.	Fire Captain	not given
Michael Lampman	Fire Captain	mlampman@res71cue@hotmail.com
Gary Halagarda	EMT & Fire Captain; EMT	not given
Sandra Van Luvender	Lieutenant	not given
James McMahon	Fire Dept. President	EMA071@aol.com
Colleen Regan	EMS President; EMT	CMR0719@aol.com

Mary Galushka	EMS Captain; Paramedic	<i>not given</i>
Todd Shimko	Firefighter/EMT	<a href="mailto:Tars71@aol.com">Tars71@aol.com</a>
Jared Aigeldinger	Firefighter/EMT	<i>not given</i>
Jason Bartoli	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
William Bekanich	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
James Brody	Firefighter	<a href="mailto:Emsbus71@hotmail.com">Emsbus71@hotmail.com</a>
Ken Brown Jr.	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Scott Case	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Chris Wozniak	Firefigther/ EMT	<i>not given</i>
Don Collins	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
John George	Firefighter/EMT	<i>not given</i>

Sid Lewis	Firefighter/EMT	<i>not given</i>
Martin Macklin	Firefighter/ Fire Police	<a href="mailto:Mrtmckn@aol.com">Mrtmckn@aol.com</a>

Thomas Mostey	Firefighter	<a href="mailto:Chiefdcc@aol.com">Chiefdcc@aol.com</a>
Kevin Odell	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
John Orluk	Firefighter/ EMT	<i>not given</i>
Troy Pearage	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Norman Robinson	Firefighter	<a href="mailto:NJR411@aol.com">NJR411@aol.com</a>
Sherman Snyder	Firefighter	<a href="mailto:Terrys@epix.net">Terrys@epix.net</a>

Dave Voyak	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Frank Wozniak	Firefighter/Paramedic	<a href="mailto:Paramedic133@hotmail.com">Paramedic133@hotmail.com</a>
Ken Brown Sr	Fire Police Lt.	<i>not given</i>
Alex Coleman	Fire Police	<i>not given</i>
Al Moore	Fire Police	<i>not given</i>
John Orluk Sr.	/Fire Police/ EMT	<i>not given</i>
Ken Patterson	Fire Police	<i>not given</i>
Ken Salvo Sr.	Fire Police	<i>not given</i>
Casey Berkosky	Junior Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Damian Brown	Junior Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
David Diehl Matt	Junior Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Kolodzie	/Junior Firefighter	<a href="mailto:dmx9limpbizkit@aol.com">dmx9limpbizkit@aol.com</a>
Rich Kuchinski	Junior Firefighter	<a href="mailto:Bh4182@aol.com">Bh4182@aol.com</a>
/Joe Peters	/Junior Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Michael Van	Junior Firefighter	<a href="mailto:Landshark71@aol.com">Landshark71@aol.com</a>
Luvender Scott Brown	/Junior Firefighter	<a href="mailto:/Juniorl717@aol.com">/Juniorl717@aol.com</a>
Chris Collins	Firefighter	<a href="mailto:Res71cue@webtv.net">Res71cue@webtv.net</a>
Bob Kane	Junior Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
James Butler Jr.	Junior Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Elaine Blazosek	EMT	<i>not given</i>
Any Brown	EMT	<i>not given</i>
John Buban	EMT	<i>not given</i>
John McHale	EMT	<i>not given</i>

Megan Singleton	EMT	<a href="mailto:Megansingleton@cs.com">Megansingleton@cs.com</a>
Diane Wozniak	EMT	<i>not given</i>
Chuck Orloski	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Fred Betterly	Firefighter	<i>not given</i>
Alison Odell	Junior Firefighter	<a href="mailto:SugarnSpice71827@aol.com">SugarnSpice71827@aol.com</a>

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## Places to worship

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### **Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church**

1000 Main St. Avoca, Pa 18641

570-457-9806

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### **Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church**

715 Hawthorne St. Avoca, Pa 18641

570-457-3412

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### **Langcliffe Presbyterian Church**

1001 Main Sr. Avoca, Pa 18641

570-457-4477

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### **Bethel United Methodist Church**

532 Main St. Avoca, Pa 18641

570-457-2566

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### **Saint John's Primitive Methodist Church**

314 Main St. Avoca. Pa 18641